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Rep. Boucher Named to Marine Sanctuary Committee



State Rep Toni Boucher, R-143rd, Wilton, Norwalk, has been named to a committee promoting national marine sanctuaries and marine education along the Atlantic Coast.

She is serving on the committee for the Greater New York's Ocean Future Symposium, which will meet September 29, and 30 in New York City, organized by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

The foundation includes many prominent ocean experts led by Dr. Robert Ballard, Jean-Michel Cousteau and others.

"This event will help educate the public on the importance of marine conservation and raising interest in designating a marine sanctuary off the coast of Greater New York City," said Rep. Boucher. "We now have limited protection for our marine resources. When we work together to protect our environmental ecosystems, we have made a great impact in bringing back plant and animal life, which protects the health of the human population, as well."

According to Lori Arguelles, executive director of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, "The East Coast of the U.S. has limited protection for its natural ecosystems and important maritime archeology resources. The area from Savanna, GA, to below Cape Cod is void of any National Marine Sanctuaries, save the minuscule area around the USS Monitor off Cape Hatteras, NC. There is a growing interest to bring together key people who can partner with NMSP in the future protection of the East Coast. The National Marine Sanctuary Program is interested in learning more about this area and the local interest for conserving these riches by designating a sanctuary off the NY/NJ coast."